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Allegheny National Forest's Timberdoodle Flats Wildlife Area Selected as a Deer Check Station

Warren, Pa. (Nov. 21, 2014) –The Allegheny National Forest's Timberdoodle Flats Wildlife Area is one of two sites selected as a deer check station for the 2014 deer hunting season. Deer hunters who harvest a deer on or near the Kinzua Quality Deer Cooperative (KQDC) are encouraged to bring their deer to the deer check stations.

At the check stations, deer will be weighed, aged, sexed, and measured for antler spread and beam diameter. The data collected will provide critical information to manage the health of the herd. This year, scientists are also collecting ticks and blood samples to determine the prevalence of Lyme Disease in the Allegheny region.

The two check stations are located at:

- Timberdoodle Flats Wildlife Area (across from Harrison's Fire Grille) at the intersection of State Routes 59 & 321N about two miles east of the Bradford Ranger District Office
- 2. **The Willows Restaurant** located at 2669 West Washington St. (intersection of State Route 346 & Forest Road 173) in Bradford

Check stations will be staffed from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on:

- Monday, December 1, 2014
- Tuesday, December 2, 2014
- Saturday, December 6, 2014

The check stations have been in operation for 13 years and are coordinated by the KQDC. For more information, please go to the KQDC website: http://kqdc.com/.

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